

Cup Tie



Special

Wanderers Get A Second-Half Fright

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Wycombe Wanderers 1, Penrith 0.

HOW close Wycombe Wanderers came to a trip north tomorrow to replay this F.A. Amateur Cup second round tie! After Wycombe had taken a deserved, if somewhat lucky, first-half lead the sporting Northern Leaguers threw everything they had into one of the most thrilling second-halves seen at Loakes Park for a long time.

Penrith did everything but score. They hit the crossbar, had shots cleared off the line and missed chances from which they should have scored.

It was a Peter Roystone goal in the 24th minute that put Wanderers into Monday's third round draw.

To be fair, Wycombe should have been two or three up at the interval. Their shooting was appalling. Tony Horseman and Les Merrick both missed two

good chances, Merrick blinding a Bates corner high over the bar when well placed.

Wycombe's goal was, to say the least, fortunate. Brian Hodgson made a good save to a Samuels header and the ball was cleared. Peter Roystone, who had a fine game as dummy centre-half, thumped it straight back into the goalmouth from about 35 yards out.

Hodgson jumped for it, but with Samuels harassing him he completely misjudged the flight of the ball which scraped under the bar.

SPURRED ON

This piece of good fortune spurred Wycombe on to even greater effort. But try as they might they were unable to penetrate the Penrith defence again.

If it had been all Wycombe in the first half, Penrith took the second-half honours. They looked a different side after the interval, and went straight into the attack.

Clapperton broke through and a resulting corner was well-punched clear by Maskell and the same player went inches over with a good shot.

To their credit both sides tried to play good football on the skating-rink surface, but even the shortest passes skidded alarmingly on the wet, icy mud.

As Penrith pressed, Wanderers panicked. Right-winger Hodgson almost scored after beating three men. Maskell saved at the feet of Brough and Rundle made a last-ditch clearance from Thornton.

Beck cleared off the goal-line and Airey hit the crossbar as the seconds ticked away to full-time.

BATES SHOT

Wanderers broke away from time to time, and they should have increased their lead when Lewthwaite headed a Bates shot over the bar and when Thornton headed clear a hard Horseman shot.

This was a cracking game of football—real cup-tie stuff. Wycombe missed Len Worley, still out with a fractured ankle, but Peter Roystone figured well in their 3-3-4 formation.

Bates was the best forward and Rundle and Beck had good games in the defence. After a quiet first half, John Maskell was magnificent in goal.

Penrith's attacking wing-halves Airey and Thornton were impressive, and their inside trio of Clapperton, Storey and Brough often looked dangerous.

Wycombe.—J. Maskell; D. Bradshaw, J. Beck; B. Baker, I. Rundle, C. Gale; P. Roystone, K. Samuels, P. Bates, T. Horseman, L. Merrick.

Penrith.—B. Hodgson; J. Lewthwaite, D. Bousfield; R. Thornton, B. Wilson, J. Airey; B. Hodgson, A. Clapperton, D. Storey, E. Brough, J. Rigg.